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In re Application of:)

Kazushige Yonenaga, et al.)

Application No. 09/496,974)

Filed: February 2, 2000)

For: Precoding Circuit And)
Precoding-Multiplexing Circuit For)
Realizing Very High Transmission)
Rate In Optical Fiber Communication)

Art Unit: 2665

Examiner: Hsu, Alpus

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, to expire February 29, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for a three-month extension.

Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 11-0855. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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